

The Hillbilly



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President's Message

Hello everyone.

What a great August Rally. The rally was like rallies of the past with 16 rigs. We had veteran members, new members, guest members from Region 2, and Region 2 President RJ Marquette. Everyone was doing something. Members went hiking, biking, bluegrass music, and numerous other activities. We raised \$261 for our charity. With a rally fee of \$12 a person, there was enough food for one and a half dinners, a full breakfast, a continental breakfast, and a tent campsite to hold the club's events. We had a few dollars left over. A big thank you to everyone attending for helping make the rally enjoyable.

We have two rallies left—the September rally at Bay Shore Camp Ground in Maryland. If you are thinking about going, please check with the campground first. The October rally will be at Camp Carr. Coupon in News Letter. It will be hosted and co-hosted by the Elacqua and DeHerde families. The dates for the rally are October 7 – 10. As of this message, there is only one site remaining. The hostess went from a no-frills to getting a private ghost tour of Flemington and a simple Dinner of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Each camper brings a side or dessert to share. Wear your Best Halloween Costume and join us for a fun. Campfire, weather permitting. You will need to reserve a site on "Camp Carr's" website. After booking the camping site, complete the coupon in this newsletter.

Everyone attending the October Rally will have an opportunity to participate in a Ghost Walk on Sat 10/8 at 7 pm it is \$18 a person and for children \$12. It will be a private tour so we need 15 people confirmed. If you will attend, please let Joanne jetelacqua@aol.com and Leslie lesdeherde@gmail.com know asap so we can lock in the date. Everyone attending the October Rally please email Joanne (jetelacqua@aol.com) or Leslie (lesdeherde@gmail.com) with the side or dessert you are bringing. This will help them plan.

Below is the link to the description of the event.

[Flemington NJ ghost walk haunted spots include courthouse, hotel \(mycentraljersey.com\)](http://mycentraljersey.com)

[HOME | OFFICIAL FLEMINGTON GHOST WALK](#)

The club needs members to host or co-host a rally or luncheon for 2023. Lea is in the process of finding a host and co-

host for our 2023 luncheon and rally schedule so she can get the schedule finalized. Don't hesitate to contact her if you want to host or co-host one. Lea's email is tenlea@aol.com

During the new business section of the August meeting, the club discussed using JotForms to register for events and as a payment method. A small committee was made to look into the cost/benefit and the logistics of JotForms if we decide to go forward with the program. We do not want to task Mark Ratliff or another member with unnecessary work. The club can get the program at a discounted price of \$139 a year. A vote to use JotForms will be taken at the next meeting in October

Safe traveling to happy memorable times.

Frank DeHerde – President

August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

By Michael Koczwar and Barbara Taylor #2369

The August Watchung Club rally took place August 25th thru 28th at Gifford Pinchot State Park in Lewisberry Pennsylvania. Sixteen trailers, with 27 familiar and some new faces, turned out for this buddy event. Region 2 President RJ Marquette and Erica joined us, along with Central PA unit President Karl and Beth Shubert. New Watchung Club member Linda Kresge and Pennsylvania Club member Marcia Freije also joined us. The weather was hot and dry for the whole weekend, though we really could use the rain – everything is so dry. Thursday arrivals met for an informal and alcohol free (wink wink) Happy Hour. On Friday the attendees were 'on their own' during the day to enjoy and explore the park and surrounding area.

Friday night was the big event. A 4 o'clock Happy Hour, with lots of delicious snacks, was followed, at 6pm by three trays of homemade lasagna, salad and lots of baked chicken. Our weekend hosts were George and Linda Kiesel and Frank and Leslie DeHerde. What a wonderful job they (and all those who helped) did! The Club held a raffle of many wonderful prizes donated to the club by the members with proceeds from the raffle coming to a total \$261.00. This money will be added to our BraveHearts Trails to Zero charity fund. Dessert was a surprise cake in celebration of Chis and Erika's upcoming 50th wedding anniversary.



Saturday morning breakfast included blueberry pancakes and crock pots filled with breakfast casseroles. During the day Saturday, we had time to explore the area. Some went to Hershey, the Corvette Show in Carlisle or the Saturday night Chris Stapleton concert. Saturday night happy hour started at 4 and was followed at 6 with leftovers from the abundance of food from Friday night.

On Sunday we again joined together for a Continental Breakfast immediately followed by our Club General Meeting. After the meeting, everyone helped packed up the rally site and said their goodbyes.

International in Fryeburg, ME

By Judy Richards Laura Raymond

What do you get when you dump more than 2,200 tons of aluminum in a Fairground in Fryeburg, Maine, along with its owners, for a week, in 95°+ weather? A helluva good time, aka: the 65th Airstream Club International Rally. There were approximately 1,000 Big Red Numbers (BRN) represented at the Rally, of which more than 300 were first timers; like ourselves.



There was so much to do at the Rally and the surrounding area, we were exhausted when we finally pulled out of the Fairgrounds. There were the opening ceremonies, the Get Acquainted Meeting for first timers (the hosts were dressed as pink flamingos) where we learned all about the Rally and what opportunities existed, the Vintage Airstream parade, the bike rides, the Battery seminar, the solar discussion, “the



little things”, the WIFI seminar, the shopping (who even knew some of these things existed), the Amateur Radio meetings, the dog walking, the food, and who can forget cocktail hour! Once you left the grounds, there was lobster (everywhere), there was the Saco River to float down, swim in or just cool our overheated selves, we could drive or take the cog railroad to the top of Mt. Washington (and down again), there were the waterfalls, and the covered bridges, hiking trails, White Mountain National Forest, the Conway Railroad, a day trip to catch lobsters, shopping and so much more!

One of the things we experienced at the rally was the opportunity to meet 2,000+ people all sharing at least one of our hobbies – Airstreaming! An added bonus was those folks who like Airstreaming and dogs. It also provided a great jumping off place to continue on to see other parts of Maine.

Some Watchung and New Jersey Unit members included participant quotes about their favorite things at the International Rally(ies):

- **Mike Richards #4865** - Meeting people that share my interest and have so many interesting stories to tell.
- **Judy Richards #4865** - Meeting Dogs and Their People.
- **Rich & Kathi Short #1512** - Who just back from the Rockies Caravan stated they love seeing all the people they’ve met on caravans all over the country and visiting with those close friends. This is their 8th Int’l Rally.
- **Cathy & Jay McCarthy #12686** 1st timers had a great experience camping in Maine, seeing all these people from all over the country gather around Airstreams. Playing Pickle Ball, Swimming in the Saco River, Mt. Washington and enjoying the trails.
- **Lois Wagner & Derek Conley #16003** 2nd Int’l Rally - It was a well-planned event; a lot of thought went into the vision and execution of this rally. They Loved meeting and playing with all the folks over at the Pickle Ball Pavilion.

- **Barbara & Cal Bacon #5229** say C'mon Down To the Int'l Rally! They've been to so many Int'l Rallies, they've lost count. They asked a question: Did I know about 1904 with Hop Along Cassidy & Fryeburg, Maine? I did not know but do now!
- **Joanne Elacqua #4308** said this is her 3rd Int'l Rally and she loved the 70's dance with the costumes and recommend the Muddy Moose in town for a good bite to eat.
- **Lynn & Gary #29944** stated 'It's the People That Make the Rally'. People visiting people. We're getting to see old friends from all over the country, and enjoyed the 'Alumination' movie as well as the Lobster Fest in town.
- **Gail Lloyd #1583** a 1st timer commented how beautiful the fairgrounds are with all these great people. Attended Meg's Seminar and the 70's Dance over at the Vintage Rally with a special cocktail hour by the Solo Sisters and the Indy group- the best was getting to know everyone.
- **Lea Plant #2256** Always amazed how many Airstreams are here every year and she enjoys the seminars.
- **Meg & Laura Riley #28240** had a Fantastic Time! And said "If You can't come to a Rally & Have A Good Time, It's Not the Rally -It's You!" Meg's seminar had a good turn out with 40 in attendance, all of which got a free fill of Authentic Airstream Water! Truly enjoyed the most beautiful sunsets at the Rally Gate in Fryeburg, Maine.



all the different rigs and enjoyed listening about the Airstream history at seminars and took a ride on the Conway railroad.

- **Dave Morrison #6481 & Jane Layman #2778** LOVE the Cocktail hours at the Int'l Rallies.
- **Frank & Leslie DeHerde #6590** are on their 2nd Int'l Rally -so many things to do at the seminars, lectures and as President Frank said He and Leslie really love meeting and interacting with people and seeing our unit gather like this - We All Make the Unit!
- **Chris Forster #2405** on 2nd Int'l Rally loved the hiking and the waterfall up in the White Mt.s, it was fun meeting other Airstreamers, the Rustic Taps Beer Garden set up at the Rally was good too!
- **Laura Raymond #14264** 1st timer said: Should've brought my bike! Had a Blast at the Vintage Rally-not enough time to do everything. Of course, spending time with

friends with no requirements to go to W-O-R-K or even think about that four letter word isn't for everyone, but it's one of the things I liked most about the Rally. If you haven't been to one, we definitely recommend it! We are looking forward to the 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and hope you are too!

Region 2 notes from the President

First, let me apologize to all of the newsletter editors - I got this out rather late in the month to them. It's been a busy week or so - last weekend, I joined Al-Mon-O for a rally at Laurel Hill State Park near Somerset, Pennsylvania, then this

weekend we're at Gifford Pinchot [PA] State Park to join the Watchung Club for a rally.

I had written last month's notes before the end of the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, so I just want to mention that the rest of the rally was great as well. Erica and I are hatching a plan to get to the 2023 International rally in Rock Springs, WY by traveling on the weekends and working from the camper during the week. I've talked to quite a few region 2 members who are planning to go to that rally, so I think we'll have a good turnout.

The IBT has been busy. First, a new intra-club has been formed, for LGBTQ+ members and supporters, called Pride Streamers. I don't have a link for more information yet, but I'm sure they'll have something in an upcoming Blue Beret, as well as on the airstreamclub.org website.

We also passed a motion that creates "interest groups" - think of them as Intra-clubs, but without the overhead required for the intra-clubs. My example of this is my interest in cycling - R2 Treasurer Will Kushto already runs bicycle excursions at International Rallies, but maybe a cycling interest group would be able to host rallies that are focused on cycling events. There's no need for extra dues, a treasury, and all of the complications that come with those things.

The other IBT motions lately have been related to the constitutional changes approved by the delegates at the Fryeburg rally. These changes were passed with overwhelming support (70% or more) at the delegates meeting. The new Executive Council setup will take effect next year, while the delegates meeting has already been abolished: In the future, we will vote on constitutional changes directly.

Before I close, I want to remind everyone that the 2023 Region 2 Rally is in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 2-6. We don't have registration available yet, but mark your calendars!

See you down the road!

-RJ Marquette
Region 2 President



Bits and Pieces

Check out the new Region 2 website at <https://airstreamclub.org/region2>

Items for the newsletter? Send them to Angela Ratliff by the 20th of each month!



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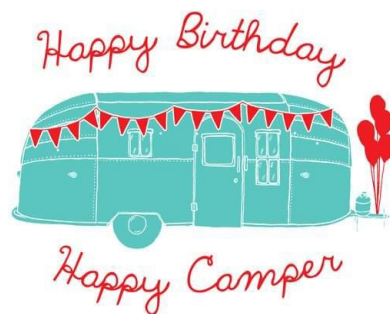
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September Anniversaries

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2022 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon & Rally Schedule

If you are interested in hosting or cohosting a rally or luncheon, please see the list below and let George Kiesel know.

2022 September Rally: Sept. 23-25, 2022, Bayshore Campgrounds, Rock Hall, MD. Mark & Angie Ratliff and Cohosts Meg & Laura Riley Contact BayshoreCamping.com directly for sites and mention you are a member of Watchung Airstream. See Coupon in Newsletter.

2022 October Rally & Business Meeting: October 7-10, 2022 at Camp Carr Please see [Camp Carr reservations](#) to sign up for a site as space is limited. Hosts Joann and Stayla Elacqua and CoHosts J Frank & Leslie DeHerde. Business Meeting and election of officers will be held. See Coupon in Newsletter

2022 November Luncheon Hosted by Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwara
CoHosts Needed.

2022 December Instillation & Holiday Luncheon Hosted by George & Linda Kiesel and Frank & Leslie DeHerde.

2023 January Luncheon Hosted by Nancy & Ken Egan. **CoHosts Needed.**

2023 February Luncheon Hosted by Frank & Leslie DeHerde. **CoHosts Needed.**

2023 March Luncheon Hosted by Rich & Kathi Short and Lea Plant.

2023 April Rally Hosted by Lois Wagner & Derek Conley and Lynda Kresge.

2023 June Region 2 Rally June 2-6, 2023 Niagara Falls, Ontario

2023 66th International Rally Wyoming June 24 – July 1, 2023

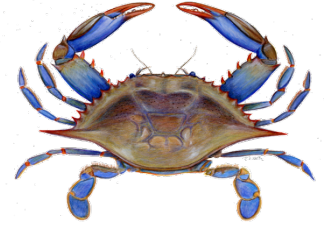
2023 July Rally **Host & CoHosts Needed.**

2023 August Rally Hosted by George & Linda Kiesel **CoHosts Needed.**

2023 September Rally: Hosted by Mark & Angie Ratliff and Cohost Rebecca Glick.



2022 September Rally Come Stay at the Bay! Sept. 23-25, 2022



Location: Bayshore Campgrounds, Rock Hall, MD, 410-639-7485 <https://bayshorecamping.com>

Hosts: Mark & Angie Ratliff Co-hosts: Meg & Laura Riley

If you have not already reserved your site, there are still some interior sites available. Contact Bayshore Campground and mention you are a member of the Watchung Airstream Club!

Friday evening, we will have Game Night & Burgers! Bring a side to share and we will supply the burgers. We will be grilling, beef, turkey and Portabella mushroom burgers with all the fixings. Enjoy the sunset and stay for game night to mix and mingle with your fellow Airstreamers! Friday night we will also get your orders for Saturday dinner The Waterman's. Check out their menu at Waterman's Crab House <https://watermanscrabhouse.com> Those who signed up for the chartered sail will have dinner on the boat and the rest of us will enjoy dinner and sunset together at the campsite.

Saturday morning we will have oatmeal breakfast bar with coffee. Join us to start the day off with a hearty breakfast. We may even serve Fred Brugman's famous "Canadian" oatmeal. After breakfast you are on your own, but be back in time for dinner or the chartered sail with Blue Crab Chesapeake Sailing Charters <https://bluecrabcharters.com>

Sunday morning we will have fresh fruit, granola, yogurt and coffee for breakfast along with great conversations! Afterward take a bike ride or go to the beach until it's time to head home.



Rally Fee \$30 per person.

Sunset Sail \$60 per person for those who already pre-registered

Number of attendees: _____

Total Rally Fees: \$ _____

Names of those attending: _____

Emails: _____

Phones: _____

Big Red Number: _____

DEADLINE: September, 12, 2022

Make checks payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club

Mail to: Mark Ratliff, 117 Buckingham Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618

No Frills October Rally at Camp Carr

- When** October 7- October 10, 2022
- Thursday** Early check in. Dinner on your own.
- Friday** Dinner on your own for the day. Happy Hour 4pm.
Charity collection for BraveHearts Trails To Zero.
Campfire, weather permitting.
- Saturday** Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30: Muffins, Bagels & Fixings, coffee, etc. Bring plates & Utensils
Happy hour 4pm.
Dinner Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Each camper bring a side or dessert to share. Everyone attending the October Rally, please email Joanne (jetelacqua@aol.com) or Leslie (lesdeherde@gmail.com) what side/dessert you are bringing so we can plan for any additional sides.
- Wear your Best Halloween Costume and join us for a fun.
Campfire, weather permitting.
- Sunday** Continental breakfast 8:00 to 9:00. Bring plates and utensils.
Executive board meeting 9:00. General meeting 9:30am.
- Monday** Break down, clean up.

Name _____ Cell _____

Camp Carr Site Number _____

Saturday Dinner will you bring dessert _____ or Side _____

of People x \$12.00 per person = _____

Please make check payable to: Watchung NJ Club, WBCCI and send to, Lois Wagner. Lois' direct address is:

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